

RUCKMAN SKETCHES



THE OLD HOUSE

1996-1997

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The officers of the 1953 Ruckman Reunion take pleasure in presenting to you "Ruckman Sketches", a brief history of the David L. Ruckman family and some of the descendants. It was written in the hope that it might, at least in some small way, help us have a better knowledge and appreciation of our Ruckman ancestry, and perhaps be a beginning for a more extensive history.

We wish to thank those who helped, in any way, in this work.

WISHING A HAPPY REUNION TO EACH OF YOU!!

The officers of the Ruckman Reunion (1953)



June, 1953

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The first Ruckman Reunion was held Sunday, July 3, 1932. The event was to commemorate the time when, one hundred years earlier, the David Little Ruckman family moved to Fayette County in what is now west Virginia. They came from Highland County, Virginia.

The reunion was at J. R. Ruckman's (now C. H. Gun's) near Mill Point, and quite near the log house into which David Little Ruckman and his wife Priscilla moved when they came in 1832. At the time of the first reunion the house was standing and still used as a dwelling. The age of the house was not known other than that it was already built when the Ruckmans bought the estate from a family by the name of Cochran. Therefore, it was at least a hundred or more years old at the time of the reunion.

The idea of having a Ruckman Reunion apparently began with Miss Maggie Ruckman, and was brought to a reality by her, J. R. Ruckman, and other interested persons. There were ninety-two people at this first reunion. The weather was excellent for the outdoor picnic, and for taking pictures. Those present decided that it should become an annual affair, and to have it near the first of July each year. This has been carried out rather faithfully except during World War II. The meetings have been as follows:

1. 1932 - At J. R. Ruckman's home, Mill Point, W. Va.
2. 1933 - At D. E. Ruckman's home, " " "
3. 1934 - At Mrs. Hannah Ruckman's home, Clintonville, W. Va.
4. 1935 - At W. G. Ruckman's home, Mill Point, W. Va.
5. 1936 - At Rev. A. G. Ruckman's home, Levisa, W. Va.
6. 1937 - White Sulphur Springs on the U. S. Fish Hatchery grounds.
7. 1938 - Drago Mountain Little Field. (One of the largest groups - 159).
8. 1939 - Drago Mountain battlefield State Park
9. 1940 - Drago Mountain battlefield State Park
10. 1941 - Drago Mountain - - (Voted as the permanent meeting place)
11. 1942 - Drago Mountain - - (June 20, due to gasoline rationing, etc.)
* (Reunion not held in 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948)
12. 1949 - Drago Mountain battlefield State Park
13. 1950 - " " " " "
14. 1951 - " " " " "
15. 1952 - " " " " "

Most of the information above and following is from
Historical Sketches of Fayette County, West Virginia - William T. Price
"Our dear records" - as recorded by the various secretaries of the reunion

IN MEMORIAM

Must be a dream that they have gone away,
Those who brought us hope, comfort, and cheer;
But awaken, for the torch they have left,
We too must hold high without waver nor fear.

1. Jack Neff - about 1933
2. Otho W. Ruckman - July 7, 1937
3. Miss Julia Ann Ruckman - April 16, 1938 (Age 97 years)
4. Robert Slaven - November 24, 1938
5. Dovner B. Boggs - March 26, 1939
6. J. Henry Overholt - about 1941
7. Mrs. Hannah V. Ruckman - June 3, 1943
8. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore - June 19, 1944
9. Mrs. Mary (Mollie) L. Ruckman - August 8, 1944
10. Elba Callison - January 6, 1946
11. Miss Maggie Ruckman - February 26, 1946
12. Richard Callison - May 19, 1946
13. James Renick Ruckman - November 4, 1947
14. Mrs. Elisa Jane Ruckman - April 16, 1949
15. Mrs. Everette Ruckman - January 18, 1950
16. J. F. Anderson - May 19, 1950
17. Miss Ollie Neff - August ___, 1950
18. Mrs. Lee V. Ruckman - December 9, 1950
19. Mrs. Ruth Ruckman Smith - April 20, 1951
20. David Early Ruckman - July 20, 1951
21. A. M. Smith - March 31, 1952
22. Gary Krodell - May ___, 1952 (age 4 years)

The above list was taken from the secretary's book, "Ruckman Records", but it
wholly is not complete.

It is not known, apparently, whether the buckmans lived in England for any length of time, or if they left relatives in that country. Some think that from the nature of the name that they may have come from the mainland of Europe. Anyway, the ancestry has been traced to a SAMUEL HUCKMAN, a native of England, who was born in 1643. The buckmans had lived awhile in northeast Wales, bordering England, and thence came to Long Island, New York, in 1682. THOMAS HUCKMAN, son of Samuel buckman, the Welsh emigrant, was born on Long Island in 1682, and his son JAMES HUCKMAN, another link in the ancestral chain was born in New Jersey in 1716. James buckman's son, DAVID HUCKMAN (1747-1822) was also born in New Jersey in 1747. David buckman is the progenitor of the buckman relationship in Highland and Pocahontas Counties. He came to what is now southeast Highland County, Virginia, and settled in lower duck Creek Valley, about 1774."

David buckman married a New Jersey wife whose name was Susannah Little (1757-1843). She seems to have been a woman of high aspirations and longed for something much better than she could get in New Jersey. The story is well known about her thinking that ~~the~~ earthen floors in Virginia were of mosaic work, such as princes might have. When she reached the place of their destination and found that ~~earthen~~ floors really went, she was so disappointed that she would have liked to return at once.

David and Susannah buckman were the parents of four sons and daughters: Elizabeth, Sophia, Mary, and Hannah; Samuel, John, James, and DAVID LITTLE HUCKMAN. David buckman (Father of David L.) died July 11, 1782, and was buried near his Virginia home. Susannah survived and came to Pocahontas with their son David L.

(The purpose of this writing is to trace some of the David Little buckman history. However, it may be well to mention that his eldest brother, Samuel, had descendants in Pocahontas County also. Samuel's oldest son, John Hartman buckman, (1810-?) moved to Pocahontas about 1845 and lived near Mill Point, but later built a fine residence (now the home of Ernest Pyles) on the Greenbrier River opposite the Stomping Creek junction. In 1863 he sold his possessions in Pocahontas County and moved to Georgia, where he died a few years later. The children of John H. buckman were: Caroline (Mrs. Mr. Gaskley); George; Charles; Samuel; James A., and those who died in childhood were; William Hartman, David Weston, and Polly Ann. It is said that the buckman Cemetery, near Mill Point was started when John H. buckman buried one of his children there. He apparently was then living on an opposite hill and the grave could be seen from his house.)

(Further information about the brothers and sisters (underlined names) of David Little L. is: Samuel married Lucy Norton and their children were John H. (Mr. Mrs. Lucy), Isaac (Mr. Mrs. Lucy), and Nancy (Mrs. Mr. Wade). Samuel buckman's second wife was

Margaret Slaven, of Pocahontas County, and their children were: James; Elizabeth (Mrs. John F. Irvine); Asa; and David V. Buckman. David Glendye* Buckman was a son of this Col. David V. Buckman. John and Mary went to Ohio, and James settled in Illinois. One sister married John Gun, and she was the mother of Mrs. Samuel Harper, and Mrs. Martha Glaser, both of Pocahontas County.)

(It should be remembered that quite likely there were brothers (and sisters) of some of the earlier Buckmans in the United States, who probably have descendants of whom we have no record. Also there could have been other Buckman immigrants to the United States besides Samuel Buckman.)

• (Many of the dates below are for reference only, and may be ignored otherwise)

DAVID L. RUCKMAN (1795-1865) was born on Deck Creek March 6, 1795. On June 22, 1820, he married Priscilla Wade (1799-1859) of Highland County. "She was a very superior person in all the relations of life." They moved to Pocahontas County in 1832, to what is now known as the Marvin Chapel Community near Mill Point. However, most of their children were born in Highland County, according to the date of their births. David L. Buckman is described as a tall and wiry person, who was quick and nervous in his movements, and usually rode in a rapid trot. As Constable of the Levels District he usually got what he went after, as he always meant business. He died May 5, 1845.

David L. Buckman, his wife Priscilla, and his mother Susannah are buried in the McNeal Cemetery, near Millisboro and Mill Point. It is regrettable that the Buckman Union organization did not carry out the plans to place markers at their graves, at a time when those were living who knew more definitely where the graves are located.

The SONS and DAUGHTERS (underlined names) of DAVID L. and PRISCILLA RUCKMAN were:

1. Charles Buckman (1821-1872), the eldest son, was a scholar, teacher, and minister. He married (1841) Rachel Griffin, and they had a daughter and son named Julia Ann and Leonidas. Two sons, Jonathan and Morgan, died in childhood. Charles moved to Ohio, and old letters from there show that he did not approve of the secession of the Southern States, or his brothers' part and sacrifices in the Civil War. In the latter days of his life he became a rheumatic invalid. There are no living descendants of his now.

2. James Buckman (1822-1877), the second son, died at the age of 15 years.

3. John Wade Buckman (1824-1899), the third son, was eight years old when the family moved to Pocahontas County. Col. John W. Buckman married (1846) Margaret Ann Moore (1824-1877) and they lived on a part of the old homestead near the family home. Their first child, a daughter, died in infancy. Their son, Mathew Buckman (1855-1911) married (1881) Mary (Mollie) Lillie Hoggatt (1863-1944), and their children are Frederick W., and Ridge (Mrs. L. G. McClure).

(Other historical dates of the period:

Dec. the winter of 1790-91 — Stephen Sewell lived in a cave near Buckman home site.
Aug. 1770 — John McNeal, first permanent settler in Pocahontas, settled in the Levels.
Aug. 1794 — Bridger boys killed not far distant from the Buckman home site, in the last Indian raid in what is now Pocahontas County.

Nov. 6, 1863 — Battle of Groo Mountain.

Nov. 21, 1878 — Marvin Chapel Church dedicated.

(Pocahontas County was formed in 1861; and West Virginia became a state in 1863).

4. James Watts Ruckman (1825-1864), the fourth son, lived on the old manse. He first married (1852) Caroline Bruffey of near Green Bank. They had one son, William Wallace Ruckman (1853-1910), who married (1879) Elisabeth Patton. Wallace Ruckman had three children; Mary Margaret (Maggie, 1880-1946); David Early (1882-1951); and Nancy (Mrs. A. E. Boblett). James W. Ruckman's second wife (1855) was Caroline Arbogast, also of near Green Bank. Their children were: Millard Fillmore (1857-1914); Nancy Priscilla (Mrs. Winfield Slaven, 1859-1930); James Renick (1861-1947); and Otho Watts Ruckman (1864-1937). All four members of this last family were married and have descendants. James was a Confederate soldier. He was captured near Edray in 1864.

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5. Clarissa Ruckman (1827-1876) married (1857) Peter M. Overholt. Their sons were Henry and Rollin Overholt. Three other children died while young.

6. Mary Ruckman (1829-1901) married (1862) Jacob F. Cackley. No children were born to this union.

7. Otho Wade Ruckman (1831-1921) was the fifth son of David L., and a twin to Catherine. He first married (1858) Martha McClung. Their sons and daughters (names with asterisk) were: * Otho David Ruckman (1859-1927), who married Hannah Hoff, and they lived and reared their family at Clintonville, W. Va.; * Ella (Mrs. Levi Waugh) and one of her daughters, Mattie Waugh, married William Clower; * Mary (Mrs. Jack Neff); and * Rev. Andrew C. Ruckman, who lives at Leivesay, W. Va.

Otho Wade Ruckman's second marriage (1875) was to Phoebe Kincaid Hagan. His third (1881) wife was Mary Frances Twyman; and his fourth (1904) wife was Rachel Friel.

8. Catherine Wade Ruckman (1831-1870) and Otho were twins. She married (1853) Peter McNeil and their sons and daughters (names with asterisk) were: * Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. John S. Moore, 1855-1944); * Emma D. (Mrs. Jacob Harper), who is the only living member of this family, now being 96 years old; * Virginia Priscilla, a twin to Emma (Emmaline), died when small; * David; * Price; * Matthew; and * Fannie (Mrs. Floyd Rogers). There are several descendants from various members of this family.

9. David Bird Ruckman (1839-1863) seems to have been a favorite son and brother. He was a Confederate soldier, and was mortally wounded in the Battle of Morristown, Tenn. He was buried somewhere in that area.

Only in legend and in fancy can we again catch a glimpse of the David L. Huckman family. When they were all at home there must have been "a heap of livin'" in the old house — the big house ceiled inside with pine lumber, and with its massive fireplaces and chimneys. The huge outside doors that could be barred against any intruder, and the tiny upstairs windows were reminiscent of days when Indian raids were possible. (At that time there was a chimney at each end of the house, and the addition to the house had not been built.) It is said that a date cut into a stone of a chimney was evidence that the house was built sometime before 1800.

There was always the making of maple sugar in the early spring, at the sugar camp farther up the valley near where W. O. Ruckman now lives. In spite of pleasant memories of "stirring off" warm sugar in their childhood days, it was an important task as it

was the only source of their sugar supply for all purposes. They must have been a

As usual we will be in the market to buy your wool and ginseng, will pay the market prices

busy family with the responsibilities of a large estate. There were sheep to furnish wool for their homemade clothes; many horses for work, transportation, and possibly for trading and selling; and herds of cattle which, besides furnishing milk, were the chief source of income.

We do not know much about their schooling but they seemed to have been educated, for their time. The older ones probably started to school in Highland County. After coming to Foxontas they may have attended the old schoolhouse said to have stood on the hill in the vicinity of McNeel's barn. Apparently after John H. Ruckman came, the log schoolhouse was built near the site of the Ruckman Cemetery. Before it was burned during the Civil War, some of the younger members of the Ruckman family probably attended school there, and the family undoubtedly attended church services in the same building. Some of the boys could have gone to school at Green Bank as it is known that some of John H. Ruckman's sons went there. Also, it should be remembered that there was a school at Hillsboro, and that the Little Levels Academy was established there in 1842.

The members of the David L. Ruckman family ~~safely~~ had their fun, their hopes, ambitions, disappointments, fears; and yes, at the time of the Civil War, there must have been many heartaches. As is ever true these people have left, to each succeeding generation, the privilege and responsibility of living in this great country of ours — the new country to which, in 1682, Samuel Ruckman came seeking a home.

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THE END

In addition to the sources of information shown on page one, there have been some recently available which were written by Maggie Ruckman, J. R. Ruckman, and Mrs. Alonso. Also, some oral information was gotten from various persons.

(Mention should have been made on page one that Otho H. Ruckman was quite active in promoting the first Ruckman Reunion.)

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3 Mary Buckman married James Silver
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4 Hannah Buckman married Timothy
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2. John Ruckman went to Ohio when a
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Whether or not all should be banished from side may be a matter of opinion. That they must be taxed, can hardly be denied. Already the virtual use of outdoor signs has imperiled the safety of many country roads. Moreover, billboards and the use of the highways, they would be values to the public. Intelligencer.

Private Distribution

The business of carrying mail by a government monopoly in the distribution of monies is in violation of the law according to an announcement made at the Charleston post office by the national post office department.

The statement, issued by W. Irving, assistant postmaster, follows:

"The department has received numerous reports that the increase in postal rates and companies making deliveries under a piece work basis of statements, etc., for

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persons had gathered to spend the
day together and help make the
Cleek Reunion an enjoyable gathering.
—Bath County Enterprise.

The regular monthly meeting of
the Board of Edray District was held
at the office of the County Superin
tendent on last Thursday night. All
the members, T. D. Moore, Porter
Kellison and Calvin W. Price were
present. Only matters of routine
came up for consideration. The next
meeting will be held on Tuesday,
July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Nickols and
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ner of Mt. Carmel, Pa. have returned
to their homes after spending a few
days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R.
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NOTICE

To The Creditors and Beneficiaries of
The Estate Of Al Schier, In
Assignment.

All persons having claims against
the Estate of Al Schier, under deed
of assignment, whether due or not,
are notified to exhibit the same, with
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THE RUCKMANS

The Ruckman family will hold a reunion at the home of James Renick Ruckman at the old homestead, near Millpoint, on Sunday, July 3, 1932. This is eminently fit and proper, for their ancestor, David Little Ruckman, came to the plantation just one hundred years ago this year.

The family trace their descent from one Samuel Ruckman, a native of England, born in 1643. He lived awhile in northeast Wales. He brought his family to Long Island, New York, in 1682. That same year he had a son, Thomas, born on Long Island. The next link in the ancestral chain is James, son of Thomas, born in New Jersey, in 1716. Then comes David, son of James, born in New Jersey in 1747.

This David was the progenitor of the Ruckman relationship in Highland and Pocahontas counties. He came to what is now southeast Highland about 1784, settling in Back Creek valley, near Bethel Church, Mill Gap postoffice. His wife was Susanna Little, of New Jersey. She came to Pocahontas one hundred years ago with her son, David, and died about 1845, at an advanced age. I feel sure that my father knew her, as he was fifteen years old when she died. Anyway he records the following interesting recollection of her.

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"It is not expected that the fee will produce much. It is regarded as virtually nothing. In most instances, billboards have been erected without the fee the companies pay them rather than persist in this policy. It well free itself in the long run. Billboards are a nuisance, for buildings will deteriorate and would be subject to damage.

Whether or not a billboard should be banished from one side of a main highway may be a matter of opinion. That they must be taxed is agreed. Whether they should be adequately taxed, cannot be agreed. Already the virtue of the use of outdoor signs has been recognized. The scenic beauty of many parts of the country, and in particular the Allegheny mountains, has been imperiled the safe movement of travel. Moreover, billboards are a nuisance on the highways. They would be valuable to the public if they were to pay for the privilege. —Intelligencer.

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David Little Ruckman was born on Little Back Creek and he came to Pocahontas in 1832 and located on the plantation now owned by Fred Ruckman. He died in 1841. His wife was Priscilla Wade, daughter of Otho Wade. She died in 1860.

Their eldest son Charles married Margaret Griffin, and went to Ohio.

Samuel died, aged fifteen years. The third son was Colonel John Wade Ruckman. His wife was Margaret Ann Moore. Their son Mathew married Margaret Hogsett, who lives at the homestead with her son Fred.

James Watts Ruckman married Caroline Bruffey, daughter of Patrick Bruffey. Their son was William Wallace Ruckman, who married Elizabeth Patton; their son is Early Ruckman, of Stamping Creek. James W. Ruckman's second wife was Caroline Arbogast. Their sons, the late M. F. Ruckman; O W. Ruckman, James R. Ruckman, at whose home the reunion will be held next Sunday. Their daughter, Nancy Priscilla, became the wife of Winfield Slaven. In the war between the States James W. Ruckman was a Confederate soldier, and died as a prisoner of war. He served in the 19th Virginia Cavalry, Captain Wm. McNeel's Company.

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